

REMARKS

There are several embodiments of the invention in this application. It is the intention of the Applicant to direct the present claims to the embodiment disclosed in Fig. 33 and well described in paragraph [0110] on page 10 of the application as published.

In the subject embodiment and with reference to Fig. 33 a deployment line 240 loops around the most distal portion of the implant and passes through the slipknot 242. The Examiner correctly notes that pure tension would simply move the implant and not deploy it. This is true but incomplete as the catheter shaft 238 resists the motion and forces the implant to deploy. It must be understood that the reaction force from tension on the deployment line is taken up as compression in the catheter shaft 238.

Although the claim seems complete to the Applicant, if the addition of the catheter shaft in compression improves the claim in the view of the Examiner, Applicant would gladly amend the claim to add this element.

The Examiner asserts and urges that the deployment line can provide torque to rotate the device. Applicant notes that the abutment of the catheter 238 against the implant can rotate the implant but that the deployment line cannot.

It is not the intent of Applicant to conflate the characteristics of the various elements of the invention and in applicants view the limitations of the claim elements are clear meeting the requirements of the statute.

Applicant respectfully requests a brief phone call from the Examiner if the Applicant's arguments and understanding of the invention remain unclear.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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